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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Rodney W. Salo et al. : July 7, 2000
S.N. : 09/545,536 : Art Unit
Filed : April 7, 2000 :
For : CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM WITH OPTIMIZATION OF
CARDIAC PERFORMANCE USING HEART RATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, it is requested
that the following amendments be entered:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 13-19 as follows:

13 (New). A method of enhancing paced cardiac performance by
optimizing the operation of a pacing device, the method comprising
the steps of:

(a) measuring a selected cardiac performance parameter
indicative of the performance of a patient's heart during
multi-site pacing to establish a baseline using a first
pacing device operation setting;

(b) varying the operation setting;

(c) measuring said parameter during pacing using a changed
operation setting; and